

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Dennis Jouaffre et al.	)	
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Application No. 10/528,273	)	Examiner: Harry D. Wilkins III
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Confirmation No. 4508	)	Art Unit: 1795
	)	
Filed March 17, 2005	)	
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For: METHOD OF PRE-HEATING A POT FOR	)	
THE PRODUCTION OF ALUMINIUM BY	)	
ELECTROLYSIS	)	

**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 17, 2008**

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2008. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Additionally, a petition for a one (1) month extension of time has been filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, the time period for response is August 17, 2008, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.